

Beatrix Farrand Society Board Meeting Minutes for Saturday 1 August 2015  
Present: Dick Habermann, Genie Thorndike, Neil Houghton, Moorhead Kennedy,  
Wendy Knickerbocker, Scott Koniecko, Dave Hollenbeck, Lois Stack, Julia  
Leisenring, Michaeleen Ward

Not present: Stephanie Burnett, Carol Habermann,  
Vicki Goldstein, Isabel Mancinelli

I. 9:00 A.M. Call to Order

II. Review of Minutes of 23 May 2015  
Minutes accepted

III. Committee Reports (see committee reports on BFS website)

A. Nominating

Leaving the board as of 8/1/15: Carol Habermann, David Hollenbeck, Mike Kennedy. Named to class of 2017: Wendy Knickerbocker, Geneva Thorndike. Named to the class of 2018: Betty Massie and Mary Roper. Extending service are Neil Houghton, Lois Stack, Michaeleen Ward of the class 2016. Recommendation for officers: Scott Koniecko, president (term 2017) and Dick Habermann, treasurer (term 2016)

B. Development/Membership

Mike talked about the idea of including non-gardeners and an educational emphasis. He hands the reins over to Vicki Goldstein for that endeavor. Moving forward Genie will work on membership and Vicki Goldstein will work on development.

C. Collections

See Wendy's report

Discussion of the degree of weeding of books included emphasis on retaining those books from Mrs. Farrand's collection and books about her work. Wendy gave an historical overview of the work of Marti Harmon. Using the "morning room" collection as a core may influence other topics and titles for future items for BFS to acquire. Ideas for books that are weeded include offering them to the Northeast Harbor or Jesup Libraries. When deaccession occurs at the University of California, those titles will be offered to BFS.

D. Programs

See Michaeleen's report.

The Blanchard family has generously assisted BFS and Garland Farm with both the Annual Lecture and the Ken Druse Lecture. Michaeleen received compliments for being the public face for Garland Farm and the work that she does on behalf of the society and in particular the lecture program. BFS is now sending e-mail blasts about upcoming programs; Mt. Desert Historical Society and Land and Garden Preserve is including BFS lectures and programs in the e-mails they send to their members.

E. Docents and Tour

As previously reported.

E. Publications

Dave shared a copy of Women Garden Designers, which has a chapter about Beatrix Farrand. *The American Gardener* July/August issue has article by June Mays about Garland Farm. A request for photos and information from the German publication, Places of Spirit, has been received as they are proposing to feature Beatrix Farrand. Dave has culled old newsletters and offered copies to Wendy for archives. Cultural Landscape reports are housed in a box in the closet and may be offered to local libraries. Boxes of Restoring the Terrace Garden at Garland Farm 2007-2011 and Garland Farm Brochures exist in the storeroom. The suggestion of selling them at the upcoming lifetime achievement lecture was offered. Currently the Facebook page has 160 members and of those, 12 are members of the advisory committee.

F. Landscape and Garden

Report will be given in October.

G. Facilities

The cherry tree has been removed. Previously restored fence is deteriorating and is to be added to list for attention. Dick Mace will be asked to examine the roof and clean the gutters. Ongoing maintenance will be discussed in October; priorities will be determined when potential grants have been explored.

H. Exhibitions

Going well - handouts are disappearing. Herbarium will appear on the cover of one of the supplements of the Islander. Lois is considering going to California to determine whether there are scans of plants that we don't have yet. Finding an appropriate space for previous years' scans needs to be provided.

I. Intern & Scholarship

No report

J. Special Events and Hospitality

No Report

#### IV Treasurer's Report

See Dick Habermann's report. Now the fiscal year/ accounting system year line up.

\$24,528 at the end of 2014

\$74,661.00 as of this wee

P and L includes temporarily restricted \$24,550.00. Had allocated 19,000 for front garden.

P and L presumes that the numbers would be ahead \$13,000 and they are \$48,000.

Depreciation is not included and the auditor does that.

\$5000.00 from David Rockefeller is restricted for the monograph.

No debt. Nearly a million in assets with growing endowment.

The endowment is now \$116,826.28 of which \$18,500 is available for distribution. A good picture indeed.

#### V. Vice President's Report

Job descriptions are being developed for Paula Moody, Tom McIntyre, AC Parsons' Landscaping. Carolyn has been coaching the gardeners from AC Parsons; the particular women who work in the garden are here consistently. Carolyn will work with Parsons and Isabel to provide continuity. Dave recommends that next year that the AC Parsons work include that which Tom McIntyre does currently. Dave and Carolyn possess Roche Kodachrome slides, which will be delivered to BFS. (Slides of views within the Land and Garden Preserve will be given to Carol Plenty and a record of those slides will be made and included with the slides that are given to

BFS.) Dave is a member of Tech Soup and a person needs to take over this responsibility. He will forward information about the security system and who accesses it. Dave recommends that a selection committee for the 2016 lifetime achievement award lecture consider nominating a woman.

## VI. President's Report

## VII. Old Business

### A. Carriage Roads Monograph

David Rockefeller sent \$5000.00; a donor stepped up with another \$5000.00 as a matching donation. Scott asks board members to talk to friends to match the amount and Friends of Acadia is optimistic that they may be able to help. The book is underway but if money doesn't come in, it might be abridged.

### B. BFS Achievement Lecture

Going well; Scott thanks Julie.

### C. 2015 Seminar/Tour

\$20,000 goal was met and probably another \$18,000-\$20,000 is associated with the symposium.

### D. Expanded Herbarium

### E. Quan Yin Repair and Identification.

Repair is complete. Sam Morse will examine it and information is expected by the October meeting.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Fuch's Gift

B. More information will follow after Wendy examines the items the Fuchs purchased.

### C. Pollinator Project

Lois offered a proposal for a Beatrix Farrand Pollinator Garden. Absent board members will receive a copy of the proposal and a message to begin a conversation to be conducted via e-mail.

Meeting adjourned 11:05

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Moody

August 7, 2015